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SUBJECT: UNUSED HAITIAN DEEP WATER BAY - MOLE ST. NICHOLAS

1. CAPT. EDWARD LEMAY, A RETIRED AMERICAN SEA CAPTAIN ABOUT 70 YEARS OLD HAS SOLICITED EMBASSY SUPPORT FOR HIS PLANS TO DEVELOP THE UNUSED HAITIAN BAY AT MOLE ST. NICHOLAS. MOLE ST. NICHOLAS IS A VILLAGE WITH A LARGE DEEP WATER NATURAL HARBOR AT THE NORTHWEST TIP OF HAITI ON THE WINDWARD PASSAGE ACROSS FROM CUBA. CAPT. LEMAY WANTS TO DEVELOP STORAGE, TRANSSHIPMENT, FREE-PORT FACILITIES AND AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT MOLE ST. NICHOLAS. HE IS SEEKING PRIVATE U.S. FINANCING WHICH HE ESTIMATES WOULD AMOUNT TO AROUND \$100 MILLION. A LETTER FROM CAPT. LEMAY OUTLINING HIS PLANS HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO ARA/CAR.

2. CAPT. LEMAY IS USING VICTOR NEVERS CONSTANT, PRESIDENT OF THE HAITIAN LEGISLATURE AND LONG TIME CONFIDANT OF THE DUVALIER FAMILY, AS HIS CONTACT. CONSTANT SAID THAT HE IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROJECT. THE EMBASSY IS LESS SANGUINE AS LEMAY'S SCHEME IS JUST ONE IN A SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR THE HARBOR AT MOLE ST. NICHOLAS.

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ST. NICHOLAS, NONE OF WHICH HAVE MADE PROGRESS. IN ADDITION, HE APPEARS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF DOING BUSINESS IN HAITI AND OF THE NEGATIVE GOH ATTITUDE TOWARD LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES.

3. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY, THE HARBOR AT MOLE ST. NICHOLAS HAS WATER UP TO 60 FEET

DEEP IN MANY PLACES NEAR THE SHORE, IS COMPLETELY UNDEVELOPED, LACKS BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE BUT HAS CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF THERE IS ANY USG INTEREST IN POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOLE ST. NICHOLAS PORT FACILITIES.

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